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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In application of:

Takeshi Shibata et al.

Application No.: 10/743,522

Filed: December 23, 2003

For: STENCIL MASK WITH  
CHARGE-UP PREVENTION AND  
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING  
THE SAME

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) Group Art Unit: 2823  
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) Examiner: Nguyen, Khiem D.  
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) Confirmation No.: 7673  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed July 13, 2006, the period for response to which extends through October 13, 2006, Applicants submit this Amendment, concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration in view of the amendments and remarks that follow:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.